

Energy Efficiency Grants Available for Coconino County Residents

The Coconino County Community Services Department recently received a \$281,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy as part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program assists local governments in developing, promoting, implementing and managing energy efficiency and conservation projects.

Coconino County is using this grant funding to perform energy retrofits on homes to reduce energy consumption and costs for Coconino County residents.

Energy retrofits may include installation of carbon monoxide detectors, compact fluorescent light bulbs, high-efficiency water fixtures, insulation of the first 5 feet of exposed hot water heater lines, weather stripping and caulking.

All work will be completed by members of the Coconino Rural Environmental Conservation Corps.

To be eligible, Coconino County residents must meet the following criteria:

- The home must be located within the Coconino County limits, but outside Flagstaff, site-built, mobile and manufactured homes are eligible.
- Applicants must provide documentation of legal U.S. residency
- Household income must fall within 80 percent of the Area Median Income guidelines for Coconino County, as set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Example: the income limit for a family of four is \$48,700.
- The home must be the primary residence of the applicant and must not be for sale.
- Renters are eligible to receive assistance but must obtain written authorization from the landlord.

For more information or to request an application contact Sylvia Sedillo at (928) 679-7465.